

## **Letter Welcome to your Library**

Hi and welcome to the library. The library is a wonderful place to visit if you have a question that needs to be answered, a topic to be researched or even if you're just looking for a good book to read. When you visit your local library a great way to get started is to ask a librarian for help. The librarian is the man or women sitting behind the desk, remember librarians are here to help! Some librarians have different specialties. Most libraries have at least one person who specializes in children's books. That person is called the children's librarian. If you are looking for a children's book, ask for a children's librarian to help you. The children's librarian can recommend books that are on the right reading level for you and help you find a book about a topic that you like.

The library has a wide variety of materials on many different subjects. We have lots of books on special health care needs. Some of these books are written for children, others are for adults. Some libraries will even have movies about special health care needs as well as books on tapes for some titles. If you would like to find some of these books you can ask a librarian to show you where they are or you can use a catalog computer. A catalog computer allows you to search for books that the library owns. At most places you can do a modified search under Booklists by subject to acquire cassettes and DVDs. If you would like to learn how to use the catalog you can ask a library to show you.

Many larger libraries also offer free computer classes. Some of these classes will teach you how to do basic things on the computer, like how to use a mouse or how to use the internet. Other classes are more advanced.

Librarians like to help all kinds of people, even people who don't speak English or problems reading so some librarians speak other languages as well. At the Salt Lake City Public Library, there are librarians who speak the following languages: American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin and Taiwanese), Dutch, Farsi, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog (Filipino), Tongan, Swedish, Urdu, and Vietnamese. The library usual has books in lots of different languages too, so whether you speak English, Spanish or Chinese you'll find something to read.

Thanks for visiting the library and remember, if you need any help while you're here, you can always ask a librarian. By the way, your child may just want to apply for his or her very own library card while checking us out. Good reading.